

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A method for making sports floor coverings comprising applying a formulation to a surface, said formulation comprising aqueous, isocyanate-free polyurethane dispersions, wherein said dispersions have a solid matter content of ≥ 30 percent by weight and a solvent content of ≤ 10 percent by weight and wherein the polyurethane polymers of said dispersions have an average molecular mass of 25,000 to 100,000 Daltons.

19. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said dispersions have a solid matter content ranging from 40 to 70 percent by weight.

20. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said dispersions have a solvent content of less than 5 percent by weight.

21. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said dispersions are solvent-free.

22. (Previously amended) A method according to claim 18, wherein the polyurethane polymers of said dispersions form micelles having an average particle size of from 100 to 500 nm.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said polyurethane dispersion acts as a bonding agent for elastic layers comprising rubber granulates or fibers as well as optionally additives.

25. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said polyurethane dispersion acts as an adhesion promotor, said adhesion promotor being applied to an undersurface of a floor covering.

26. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said polyurethane dispersion acts as a primary coat being applied to an undersurface of a sports floor covering.

27. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said polyurethane dispersion acts as a spray coat, said spray coat being applied to an elastic or stiff undersurface.

28. (Previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein said polyurethane dispersion contains a structural filler material.

29. (Previously added) A method according to claim 27, wherein said polyurethane dispersion contains 0.1 to 1.0 weight percent of UV stabilizers based on sterically hindered amines relative to the total weight of the formulation.

30. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said polyurethane dispersion acts as a flow coat, said flow coat being applied to an elastic or stiff undersurface.

31. (Previously added) A method according to claim 28, wherein said polyurethane dispersion contains 0.1 to 1.0 percent by weight of UV stabilizers based on sterically hindered amines relative to the total weight of the formulation.

32. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said polyurethane dispersion is applied as filler material to seal pores of undersurfaces of sports floor coverings.

33. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said polyurethane dispersion is applied as an adhesive to glue prefabricated elastic layers.

34. (Previously added) A method for sealing sports floor coverings comprising applying a formulation according to claim 18, optionally together with pigments.

35. (Previously added) A method according to claim 34, wherein said polyurethane dispersion contains 0.1 to 1.0 percent by weight of UV stabilizers based on sterically hindered amines relative to the total weight of the formulation.

36. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18, wherein said dispersions are applied to elastic or stiff undersurfaces in layers having a total thickness of 0.1 to 50 mm.

37. (Previously added) A method for applying said polyurethane dispersion according to claim 18 in quantities of 0.1 to 10.0 kg per m² of surface to be covered per work cycle.

38. (Previously added) A method according to claim 18 wherein the polyurethane dispersion is a one-component formulation.

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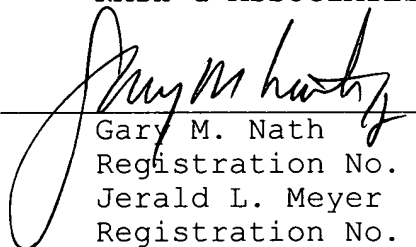
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing and the previously filed amendments, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims and to allow all of the claims pending in this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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